

May 23, 1916

### CHARLES G. MOFFITT

Charles G. Moffitt was stricken in the Groton postoffice yesterday morning at about 8:30 o'clock, and before a doctor could be called to minister to him he had breathed his last. He had come to the office, just as he had done throughout the past fifteen years practically every day, apparently in his usual good health, and he went about his work just as he had always done. He has the desk which is in the center of those used by the carriers. Chas. Rogers having the one to the south, and Verne Tuthill the one to the north. A short time after beginning his labors he walked around the desk which Mr. Rogers was using, and looking up Mr. Rogers discovered him holding onto the desk, and in apparent distress. At that time Mr. Rogers wished to call a doctor but Mr. Moffitt told him he would be all right in a moment. A chair was provided for him and he was seated just back of Messrs. Tuthill and Rogers. He had been there but a short time when he called Mr. Tuthill, and both men turned to discover him sinking down in the chair. He was laid on the floor and a doctor was called, but no help availed and he passed away a short time later.

Mrs. Moffitt and Clara were both in St. Paul at the time, and some trouble was experienced in locating them. They were, however, reached in time so that they caught the evening flyer west, going through to Aberdeen and returning home this morning. Geary Moffitt was also notified and a reply states that he has started for Groton from Trenton, N. J., and that he will arrive here either Thursday or Friday.

Charles G. Moffitt was born in New York City, November 14, 1856. He lived there until fourteen years of age then coming to Wisconsin, later returning to New York and attending school at St. John's, an Episcopal institution. He came to South Dakota in 1882 and settled on the farm now occupied by Harry Buck, south of Groton, returned to Fox Lake, Wis., a year later, where he and Mrs. Moffitt were married, March 23, 1888. They returned to South Dakota and remained on the farm until about fifteen years ago, when they removed to Groton, since making their home here. A short time thereafter Mr. Moffitt entered the mail service and he has been engaged as a rural carrier for the past fourteen years. He was a member of the Groton Woodman lodge, and had been its record keeper for many years past. He belonged to the Groton fire department. He passed away as above recorded, yesterday, May 22.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides Mrs. Moffitt, a son and daughter, Clara Moffitt of Groton and Geary Moffitt, of Trenton, N. J.

The funeral will be held from the Moffitt residence Friday afternoon, Rev. Seigfreidt officiating, with interment in Groton union cemetery.